

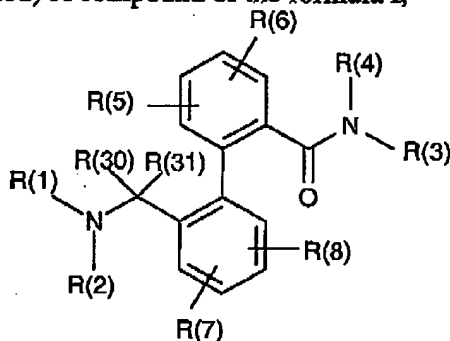
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Amendments to the claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all earlier versions of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula I,



in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9), SO₂R(10), COR(11), or C(O)NR(12)R(13) or C(S)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15) or SO₂Me;

R(14) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9, 10 or 11 carbon atoms, CF₃, C₂F₅, C₃F₇, CH₂F, CHF₂, OR(15), SO₂Me, or phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,

where phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, or 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, or 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, or 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1, or 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃ or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, or 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃,

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~~NO₂~~, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, or 3 ~~or~~ 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, or 2, 3 ~~or~~ 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(10), R(11) and R(12) is defined as R(9);

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen, ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or CF₃;~~

R(2) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or CF₃;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y}-R(16);

y is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where y cannot be 0 if R(16) is OR(17) or SO₂Me;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 carbon atoms, CF₃, C₂F₅, C₃F₇, CH₂F, CHF₂, OR(17), SO₂Me, phenyl, or naphthyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms;~~

where phenyl, and naphthyl, ~~furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic~~ are unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl ~~or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl,~~

where phenyl ~~or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

or

R(3) is CHR(18)R(19);

R(18) is hydrogen or C_zH_{2z}-R(16), where R(16) is defined as indicated above;

z is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(19) is COOH, CONH₂, CONR(20)R(21), COOR(22), or CH₂OH;

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R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, $C_vH_{2v}-CF_3$ or C_wH_{2w} -phenyl,

where the phenyl ring is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF_3 , OCF_3 , NO_2 , CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2 , OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(21) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(22) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(4) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms or CF_3 ;

or

R(3) and R(4)

together are a chain of 4 or 5 methylene groups, ~~of which one methylene group can be replaced by O, S, NH, N(methyl) or N(benzyl);~~

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CF_3 , NO_2 , CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2 , OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino;
and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

or

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups;~~

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, in which

R(1) is $C(O)OR(9)$, $SO_2R(10)$, $COR(11)$ or $C(O)NR(12)R(13)$;

R(9) is $C_xH_{2x}-R(14)$;

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15);

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R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms~~, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3 , ~~C_2F_5~~ , OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where ~~phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, or 2 ~~or~~ 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3 , OCF_3 , NO_2 , CN, COOMe , CONH_2 , COMe , NH_2 , OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, ~~or~~ 3 ~~or~~ 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1, or 2, 3, ~~4 or~~ 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3 or phenyl,

which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, or 2 ~~or~~ 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3 , ~~NO_2~~ , CN, COOMe , CONH_2 , COMe , OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, or 3 ~~or~~ 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

~~R(10), R(11) and R(12) is defined as R(9);~~

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen, ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or~~ CF_3 ;

R(2) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or CF_3 ;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y} -R(16);

y is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where y cannot be 0 if R(16) is OR(17);

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3 , C_2F_5 , OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where ~~phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3 , OCF_3 , NO_2 , CN, COOMe , CONH_2 , COMe , NH_2 , OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms,

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alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl or ~~2, 3, or 4~~ pyridyl,

where phenyl or ~~2, 3, or 4~~ pyridyl are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

or

R(3) is CHR(18)R(19);

R(18) is hydrogen or C_zH_{2z}-R(16), where R(16) is defined as indicated in claim 1 above;

z is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(19) is CONH₂, CONR(20)R(21), COOR(22), CH₂OH;

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF₃ or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl,

where the phenyl ring is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(21) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(22) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(4) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms or CF₃; and

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino;

and

R(30) and R(31)

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independently of one another are hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

or

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 2, in which:
- R(1) is C(O)OR(9), ~~SO₂R(10)~~, ~~COR(11)~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13);
- R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);
- x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,
- where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15);
- R(14) is cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~
- where phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;
- R(15) is alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃ or phenyl,
- which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;
- ~~R(10), R(11) and R(12) is defined as R(9);~~
- ~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~
- R(13) is hydrogen;
- R(2) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;
- R(3) is CHR(18)R(19);
- R(18) is hydrogen or C₂H_{2z}-R(16);
- z is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

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R(19) is CONH₂, CONR(20)R(21), COOR(22) or CH₂OH;

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF₃ or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl, where the phenyl ring is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(21) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(22) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(17), ~~or phenyl, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

~~where phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, ~~or phenyl or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl,~~

~~where phenyl or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(4) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

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independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl;

or

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 2, in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9), ~~SO₂R(10), COR(11)~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15);

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(15), or phenyl, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where ~~phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃ or phenyl,

which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

~~R(10), R(11) and R(12)~~ is defined as R(9);

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

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- R(13) is hydrogen;
- R(2) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;
- R(3) is $C_yH_{2y}-R(16)$;
y is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,
where y cannot be 0 if R(16) is OR(17);
- R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3 , OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~
where phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3 , OCF_3 , CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2 , OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;
- R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3 , or phenyl ~~or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl~~,
where phenyl ~~or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3 , OCF_3 , NO_2 , CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;
- R(4) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;
- R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)
independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CF_3 , CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2 , OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino; and
- R(30) and R(31)
independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl;
- or
- ~~R(30) and R(31)~~
~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups.~~

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5. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 4, in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9), ~~SO₂R(10), COR(11)~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl or pyridyl,~~

where phenyl and pyridyl are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF₃, OCF₃, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

~~R(10), R(11) and R(12) is defined as R(9);~~

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen;

R(2) is hydrogen;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y}-R(16);

y is 0, 1 or 2;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl or pyridyl,

where phenyl and pyridyl are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF₃, OCF₃, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

R(4) is hydrogen; and

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms or alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl;

~~or~~

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 5, in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9) ~~or COR(11);~~

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R(9) is C_xH_{2x} -R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(14) is cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms or phenyl,

where phenyl is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3 , OCF_3 , alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

~~R(11) is defined as R(9);~~

R(2) is hydrogen;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y} -R(16);

y is 0, 1 or 2;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3 , or phenyl, ~~or pyridyl~~

where phenyl ~~and pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3 , OCF_3 , alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

R(4) is hydrogen; and

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, CF_3 , alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms or alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(30) and R(31)

are hydrogen.

7. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising an effective amount of at least one compound as claimed in claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle or additive.

8. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7, which further comprises one or more other pharmacologically active compounds.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for the ~~prophylaxis or~~ therapy of a K^+ channel-mediated illness, which comprises administering to a host in need of the prophylaxis or therapy an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

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10. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy ~~or prophylaxis~~ of a cardiac arrhythmia which can be eliminated by action potential prolongation, which comprises administering to a host in need of the therapy or prophylaxis an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy ~~or prophylaxis~~ of a re-entry arrhythmia, which comprises administering to a host in need of the therapy or prophylaxis an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy ~~or prophylaxis~~ of a supraventricular arrhythmia, which comprises administering to a host in need of the therapy or prophylaxis an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy ~~or prophylaxis~~ of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter, which comprises administering to a host in need of the therapy or prophylaxis an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

14. (Original) A method for terminating existing atrial fibrillation or flutter to restore sinus rhythm, which comprises administering to a host in need of the termination an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

15. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7, which further comprises an effective amount of an IKr channel blocker.

16. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7, which further comprises an effective amount of an IKs channel blocker.

17. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7, which further comprises an effective amount of a beta-blocker.

18. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9), SO₂R(10), COR(11) or C(O)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

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x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15);

R(14) is cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(15), ~~or~~ phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

~~where phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃ or phenyl,

which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

~~R(10), R(11) and R(12) is defined as R(9);~~

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen;

R(2) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

R(3) is CHR(18)R(19);

R(18) is hydrogen or C₂H_{2z}-R(16);

z is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(19) is CONH₂, CONR(20)R(21), COOR(22) or CH₂OH;

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF₃ or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl, where the phenyl ring is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

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- R(21) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;
R(22) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;
R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where ~~phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

- R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl ~~or 2, 3 or 4~~ pyridyl,

where phenyl ~~is or 2, 3 or 4~~ pyridyl ~~are~~ unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(4) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl;

~~or~~

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups.~~

19. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, in which:

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R(1) is C(O)OR(9), ~~SO₂R(10), COR(11)~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15);

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(15), or phenyl, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

~~where phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃ or phenyl,

which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(10), R(11) and R(12) is defined as R(9);

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen;

R(2) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y}-R(16);

y is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where y cannot be 0 if R(16) is OR(17);

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

~~where phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂,

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COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, ~~or phenyl or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(4) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl;

~~or~~

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups.~~

20. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, in which

R(30) and R(31) are both hydrogen;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms~~, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9, 10 or 11 carbon atoms, CF₃, ~~C₂F₅, C₃F₇, CH₂F, CHF₂~~, OR(15), ~~SO₂Me, or phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl, ~~naphthyl, biphenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, or 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, ~~NH₂~~, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, or 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy

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having 1, ~~or 2, 3 or 4~~ carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;
 R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 carbon atoms, CF₃, C₂F₅, C₃F₇, CH₂F, CHF₂, OR(17), SO₂Me, ~~or phenyl, naphthyl, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where ~~phenyl, naphthyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, ~~or phenyl or 2, 3 or 4-pyridyl,~~

where ~~phenyl or 2, 3 or 4-pyridyl~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino; and

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF₃ or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl,

where the phenyl ~~ring~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino; wherein

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

21. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 2, in which

R(30) and R(31) are both hydrogen;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, C₂F₅, OR(15), or phenyl, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic~~

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~~having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

~~where phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, or 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, ~~C₂F₅~~, OR(17), or phenyl, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,

~~where phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl or 2, 3, or 4 pyridyl,

~~where phenyl or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino; and

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF₃ or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl,

where the phenyl ring is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino; wherein

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

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22. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 3, in which:

R(30) and R(31) are both hydrogen;

R(14) is cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where ~~phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF₃ or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl, where the phenyl ~~ring~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where ~~phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino; and

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl ~~or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl,~~

where ~~phenyl or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1,

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2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino.

23. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 4, in which:

R(30) and R(31) are both hydrogen;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms~~, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

~~where phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

~~where phenyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, NH₂, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino; and

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl,

~~where phenyl or 2, 3 or 4 pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF₃, NO₂, CN, COOMe, CONH₂, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino.

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24. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 5, in which:

R(30) and R(31) are both hydrogen;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms~~, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl ~~or pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~and pyridyl~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF₃, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl ~~or pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~and pyridyl~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF₃, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms.

25. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 6, in which:

R(14) is cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms or phenyl,

where phenyl is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF₃, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF₃, or phenyl, ~~or pyridyl~~

where phenyl ~~and pyridyl~~ are is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF₃, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms.

26. (Original) A method for preventing the re-occurrence of arrhythmias, which comprises administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.